Unit 12 Nature's best
Speak & listen

Discussion

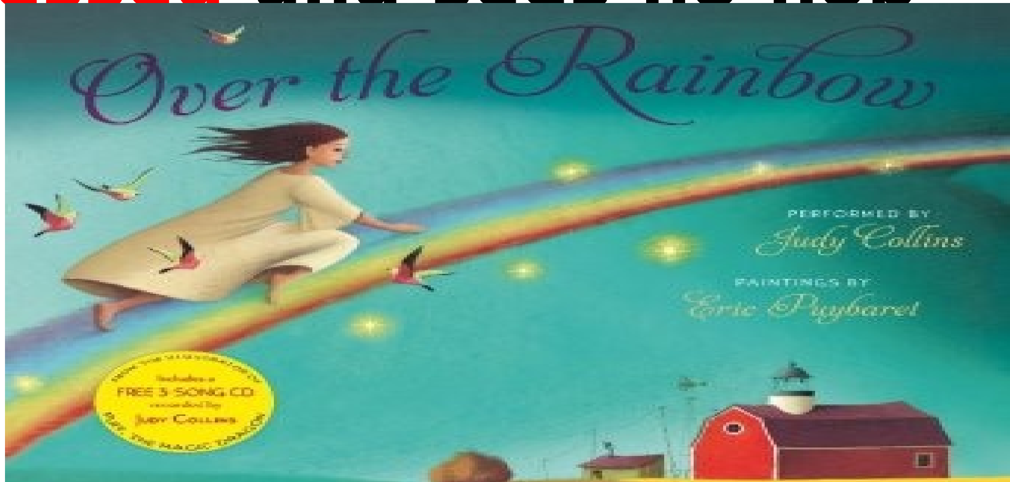
**Do you have a place you can visit in you
r mind when you're not feeling so happ
y?**

**paradis
e**

You are going to listen to a song called Over the Rainbow.

Read through the lyrics quickly and choose which sentence best describes how the singer is feeling.

- 1. The singer is quite happy with his life but would like to be a bit more adventurous.
- 2. The singer believes there is a better place for him but is not sure how to get there.
- 3. The singer is depressed and sees no hope for his life.



b.

The underlined words are wrong. Listen and correct the mistakes.

- Somewhere over the r
ainbow way up high
lan d there dream ed
ace tha houg
nce in a lullaby

- skies where over the r
ainbo drea ms are blue
and the
things that you dare t
o dream really do com
e true

- Someday I'll wish upon a
star and wake up
where t clouds far behi
nd me troubles ems mel
t like lemon drops high abo
ve the chimney tops
that's where you'll
see me fin d

- Somewhere over the rainbo
blue birds fly
birds utterflies fly over t
he rainbow why then, oh w
hy can't I?

Complete the sentences with phrases from the song. They all refer to position.

1. They live in beautiful house **high** **above** the sea.

2. Can you see that kite **way** **up** **high** in the sky?

3. Don't worry. They'll never catch us now. They are too **far** **behind**.

- **What is your idea of paradise?**

Write a short description about it and share it with your partner.

Words and expressions

1.read through;

8.way up high;

2.lyrics;

9.far behind;

3.describe, description;

10.paradise,

4. adventurous,

11.musical comedy,

5.depressed,

6.see no hope for his life,

12.become a hit,

7.refer to;

13. enthusiastic;

14.take on

(1. ~ a new look 2. ~ responsibility

3. take on the work)

15.transform it into a success;

misfit ---n. a person who is not accepted by a particular group of people,esp. because their behavior or ideas are different .

[illegible]

16.join the group;

17.have a talent/ gift for music---music talents

18. episode;   be related to/ relate .. To

20.originally;   in the original [illegible]

21. Finale [fi'nɑːli] **---n. the last part of a**

landscapes of the lakes and hills ----exe11

- **Coastal / picturesque views / meadows – grassy fields / marvelous /wonderful / exquisite**
- **Gorgeous / remarkable / fantastic / inspiring /magnificent/splendid**
- **Pretty / exotic / fairland / relaxing / peaceful / fascinating**
- **Dramatic / Attractive/ appealing / charming /scenic**
- **Breathtaking /Pleasant / majestic / Striking/ impressive/ imposing**
- **Typical / pastoral/ painted by a magical hand**
- **As beautiful as a picture/painting.**

- **landscapes of the lakes and hills**
- **Enclosed / surrounded by the hills on one side and waters on the other** □□□□
- **An unfrequented mountain** □□□□□□
- **Chain of mountains** □□□□□□□ **mountainous adj.**
- **As the mist lifted , the mountain revealed themselves one after another.**
- **Lofty/ towering mountain** □□□□
- **A sluggish stream** □□□□□□□
- **Limpid stream** □□□□□ **a mere trickle** □□□□

Describe the following picture

Write

What is your favorite place in the world?

- 1. Read through to find out what is the writer's favorite place. (para1)

The bedroom

- 2. What aspects of the room does the author focus on? What does these things tell us about the auther ? (para2)

The unusual color

3. the author asked two questions in the last paragraph, what is the effect of them?

e writer is talking to you personally as if your
od friend , so that it attracts your attention to
reading to find answers

1. [illegible]

Beijing, the capital of China, is an international city.

2. with [illegible]

[illegible]

Shenzhen is a very young city with a short history of only 30 years.

[illegible] 30 [illegible]

3. [illegible]

Huizhou, which lies in the southeast of Guangdong, is a tourist city of the whole country.

[illegible]

4. [illegible]

[illegible]

Located in the south of China, Guangdong province is not too cold in winter

1. □□□ □A □□B□…□□□

A lies in/to/on the … of B

A is located in/to/on the … of B.

A is situated in/to/on the … of B.

A borders/faces B on the …

in the center/middle/heart of

in front of □…□□□□□□

in the front of □…□□□□□□

in the back of □…□□

at the back of □…□□□□□□

at the side of □…□□

at the bottom/ the foot /the base of □…□□

at/on the top of □…□□□

at the entrance to □…□□□□

at the gate of □…□□□

on the edge of □…□□□

at the head of □…□□□□

on the left / the right side of □…□□ / □□

on the border of □…□□□□

in the suburbs of □…□□

close to/ near □…□□

next to / next door to □…□□， □…□□

opposite, across □…□□

be surrounded/enclosed by □…□□

2. □□□ has / with a history of …

3. □□□ has / with a population of …

4. □□□ covers / has / with an area of …

5. □□□ be surrounded by /with ……

6. □□□ **neither** too cold **nor** too hot □

the climate **varies from** place **to** place □

the temperature **ranges from…to…**

7. □□□ be rich/abundant in □ a place rich in □

a city with much industry □ mainly grow crops □

8. □□□ be famous / well known for

9. □□□□□ mountainous area □ many tourist attractions □ places of interest

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□□□□:□□**take up**

- *Canada, the second largest country in the world, covers an area of 998,000 kilometres.*
- *With a history of only about 400 years, it has a population of thirty million.*
- *Located in the north of North America, Canada has long winters but its summer is not so hot.*
- *As for natural resources, it is rich in fresh water, which takes up 1/3 of the total amount in the world. Last but not least, its beautiful city Vancouver, wealthy city Toronto and the Five Great Lakes make it well known among tourists all over the world.*